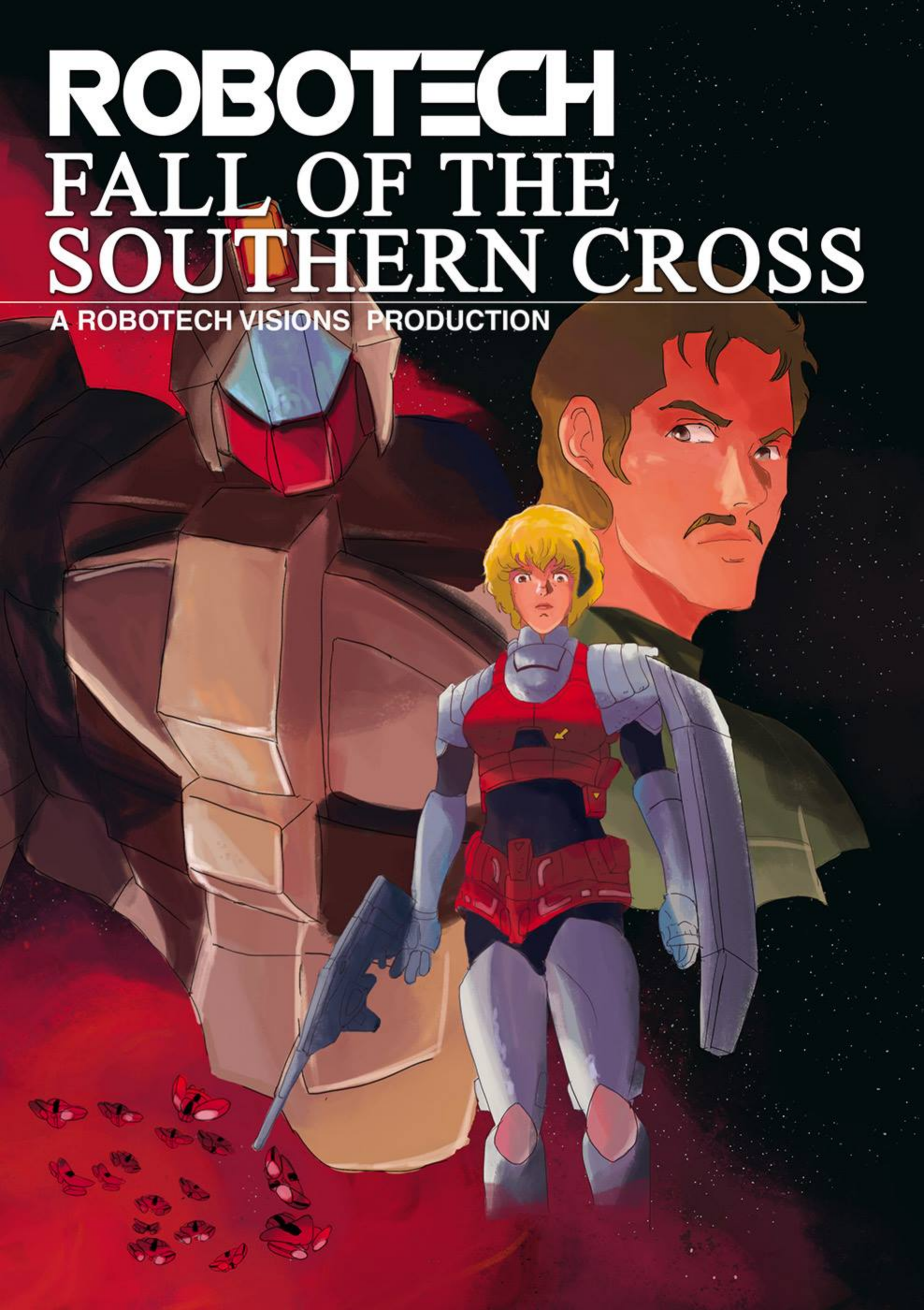
ROBOTECH
FALL OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

A ROBOTECH VISIONS PRODUCTION



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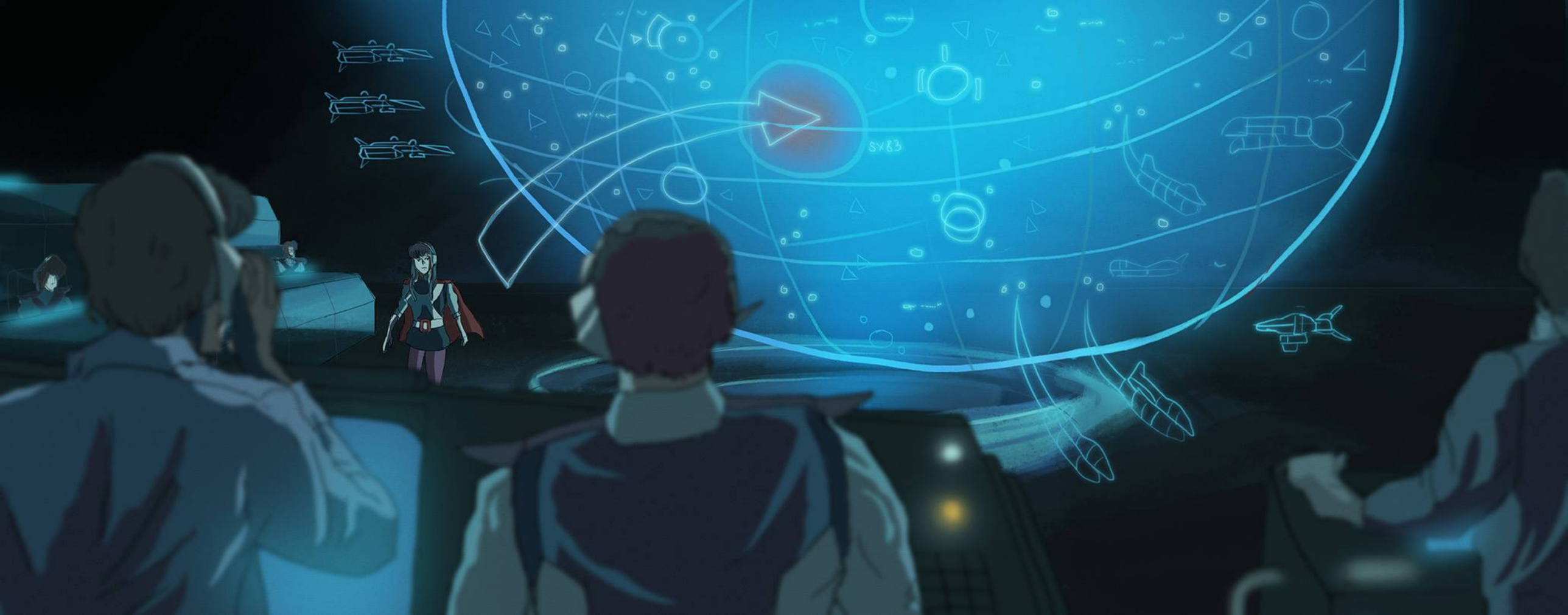
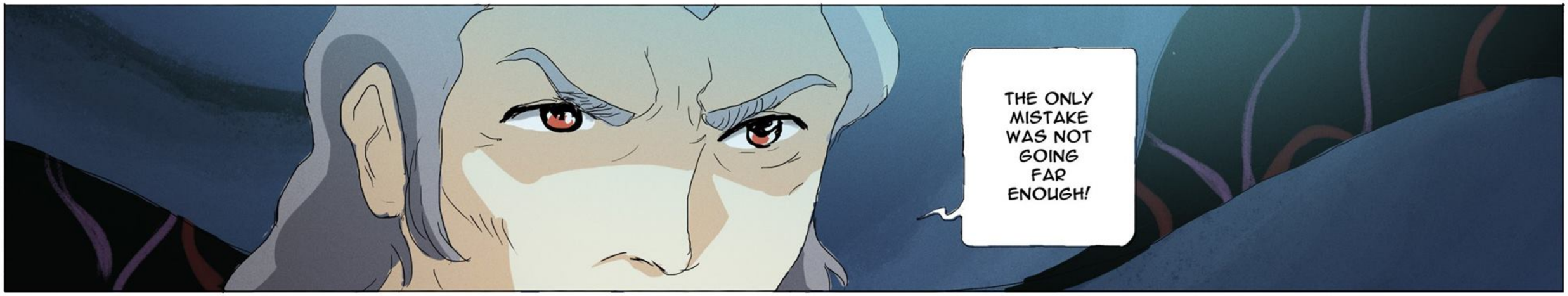


THE LATEST TRANS-SIGNALS HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN THE MICRONIAN HAVE NO IDEA WHO THEY ARE DEALING WITH!

IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THIS WORLD IS OVERRUN.



WE'RE APPROACHING THE TARGET, MY LORDS.

NO INVID OR HUMAN RESISTANCE PRESENT AT THIS TIME.

THE OTHER STRIKE TEAMS ARE ALSO MEETING MINIMAL RESISTANCE AT THIS TIME.

STRIKE TEAM HAS BEEN DEPLOYED AND IS ENROUTE.
PROCEED TO TARGET ZONE AS ORDERED.

NO INVID PRESENCE SO FAR, MY LORDS.
WE'VE SPLIT OUR FORCES TO SEARCH THROUGH THE TUNNEL NETWORK.
HMM. THE INVID ARE MORE CUNNING THAN PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED.
COULD IT BE THEY ARE PREPARING THE ENVI-RONMENT FOR THEIR HIVES?

WE'RE READING A MASSIVE ENERGY READING DOWN THESE TUNNELS.
THOSE INVID WILL BE SORRY...

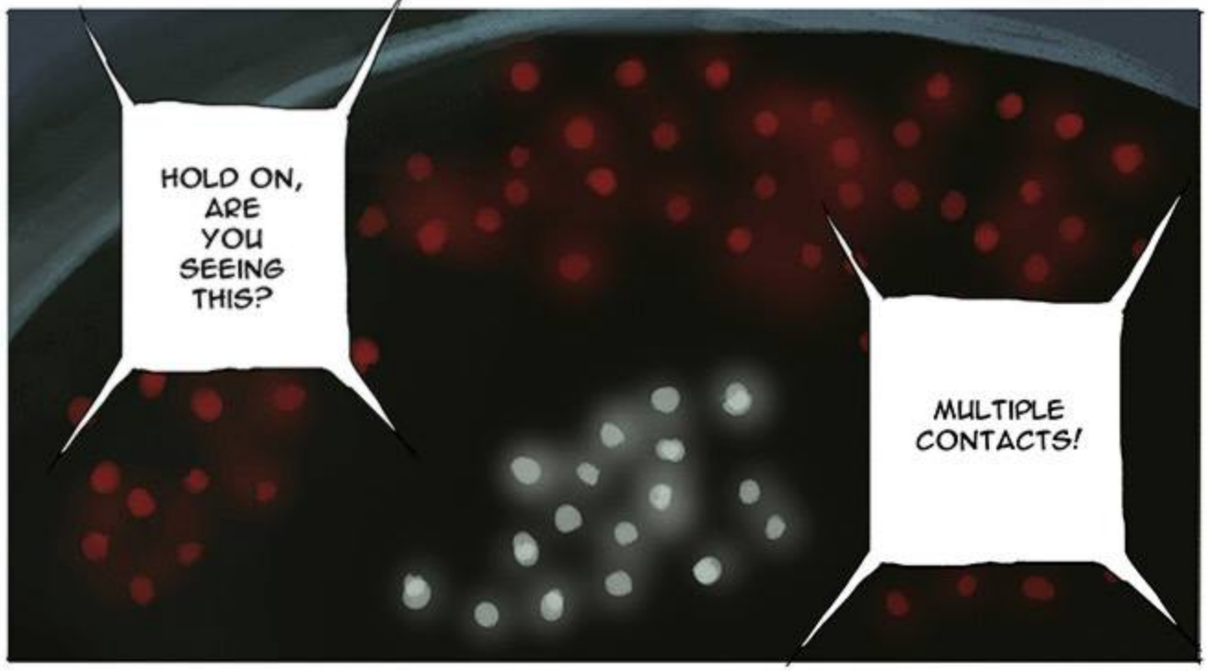
KEEP IT TIGHT, PEOPLE.

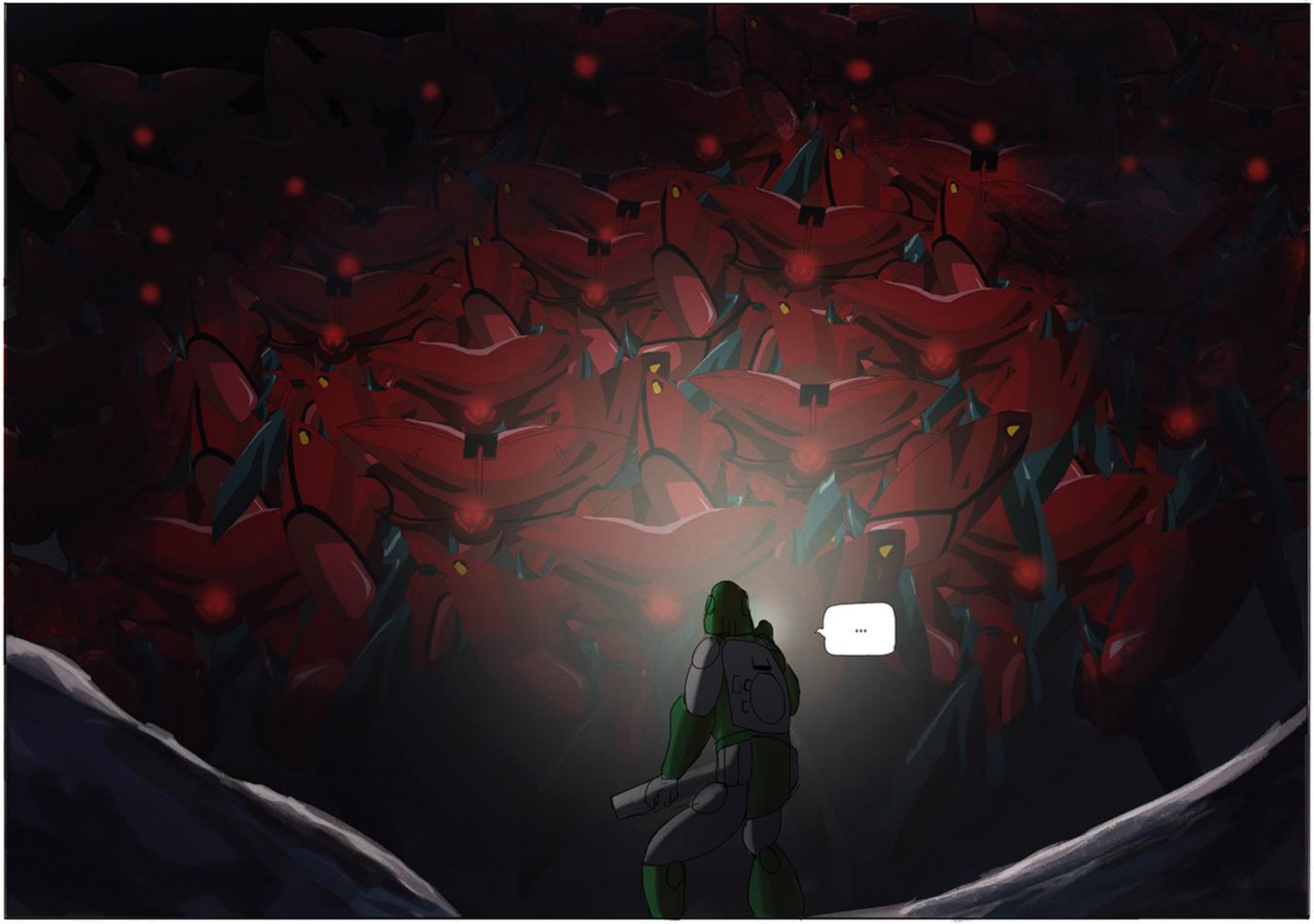
I'M PICKING UP A LOT OF INTER-FERANCE.

WATCH YOUR FIRE AND CHECK YOUR TARGETS.

BUSY LITTLE CREATURES, HUH?

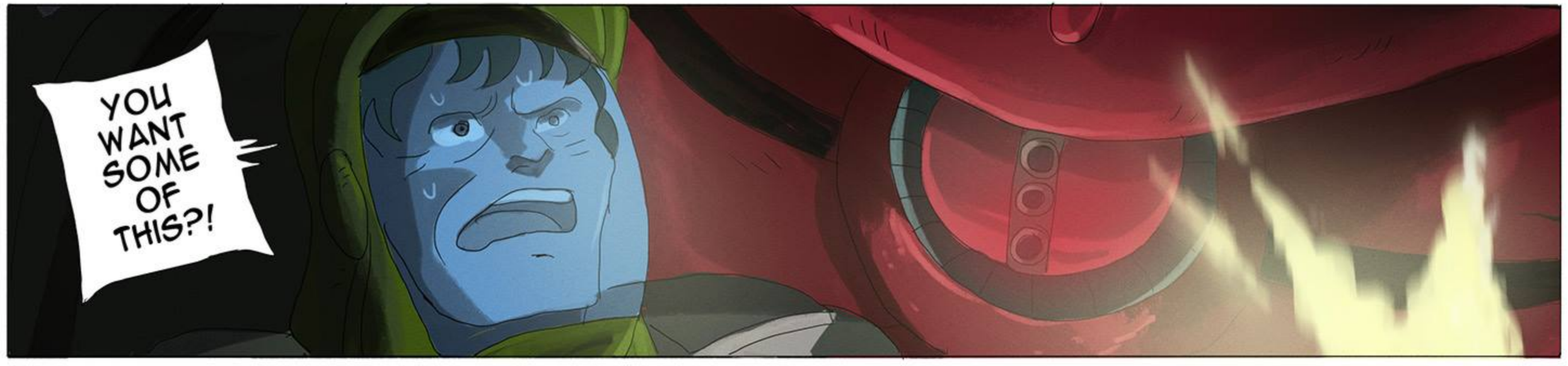
KEEP IT MOVING. EASY...

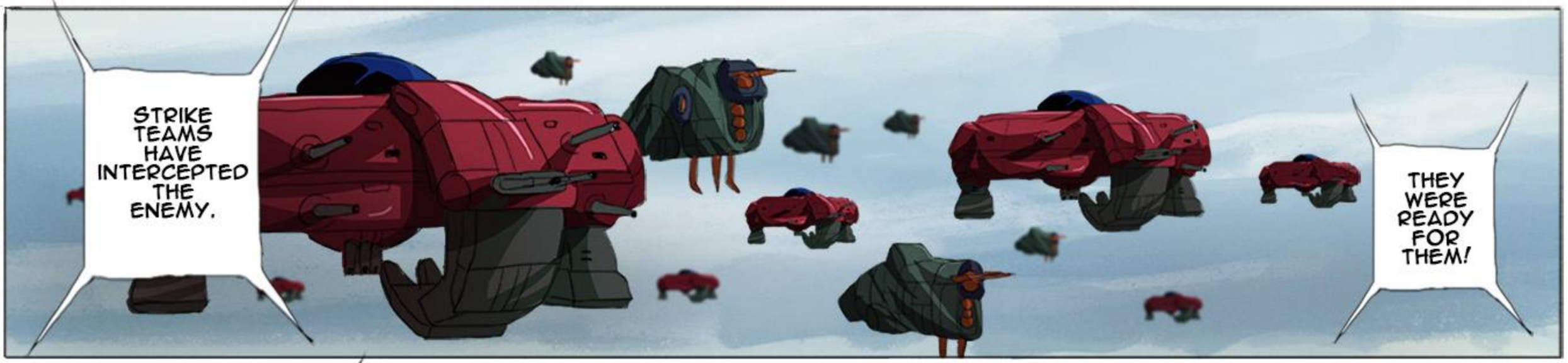




WE'RE ENGA-- INVID EVERY WHERE!!
REQUEST SUPP--

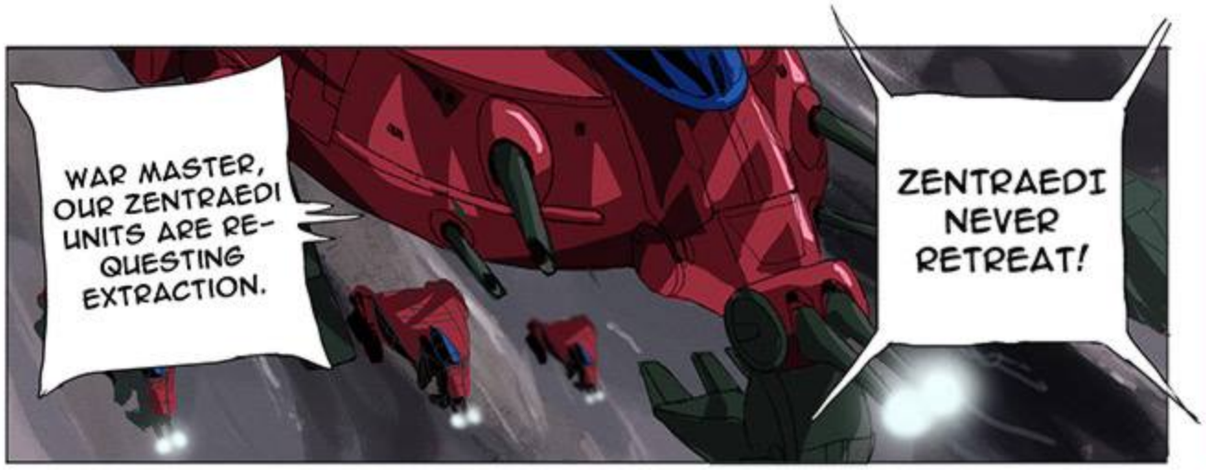
COME ON, YOU BAS-TARD!

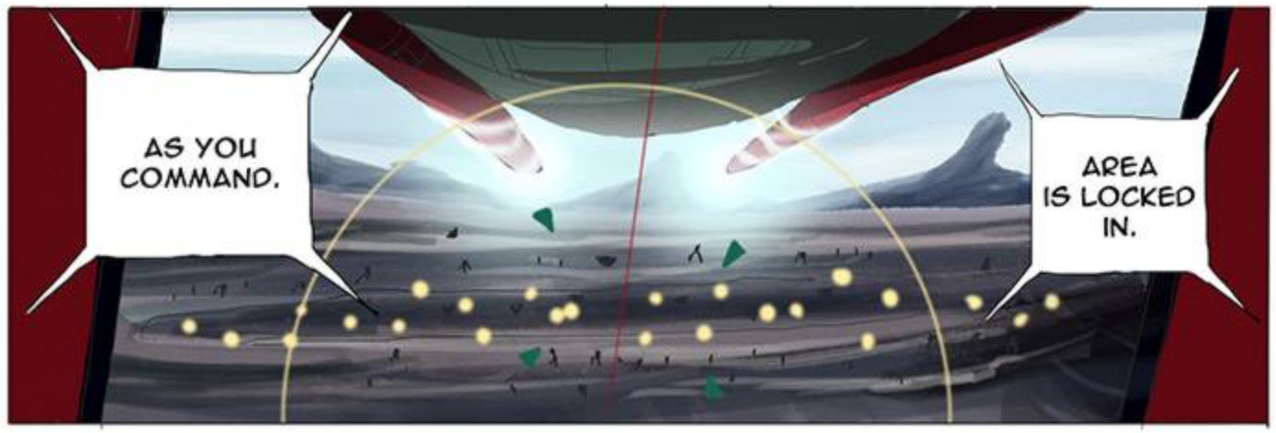

YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?!

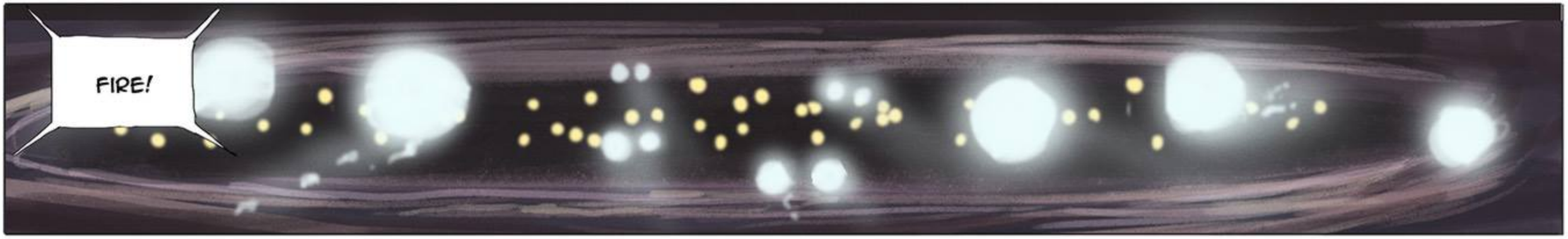

STRIKE TEAMS HAVE INTERCEPTED THE ENEMY.
THEY WERE READY FOR THEM!

THE ZENTRAEDI! SOME MADE IT OUT ALIVE!

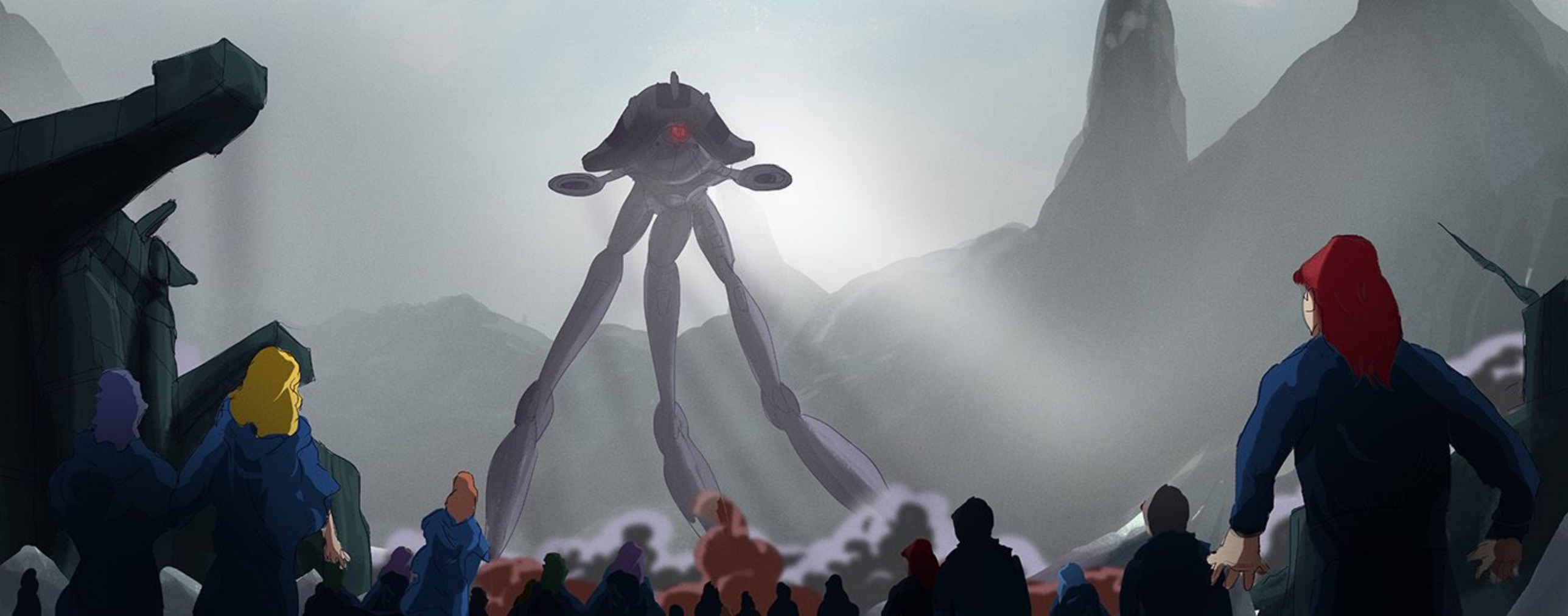
REQUESTING EXTRACTION! 80 PERCENT OF MY SQUAD HAS BEEN WIPED OUT!

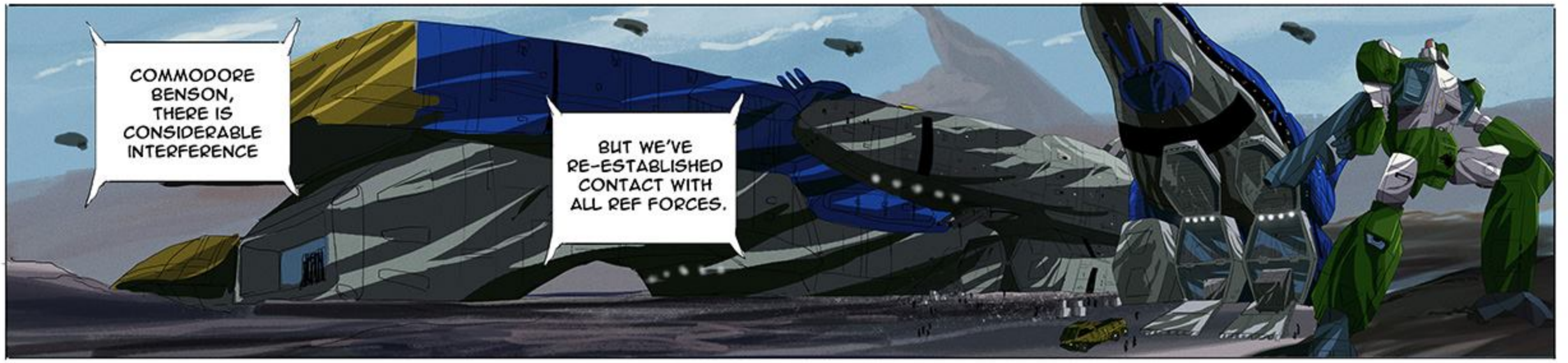

WAR MASTER, OUR ZENTRAEDI UNITS ARE REQUESTING EXTRACTION.
ZENTRAEDI NEVER RETREAT!

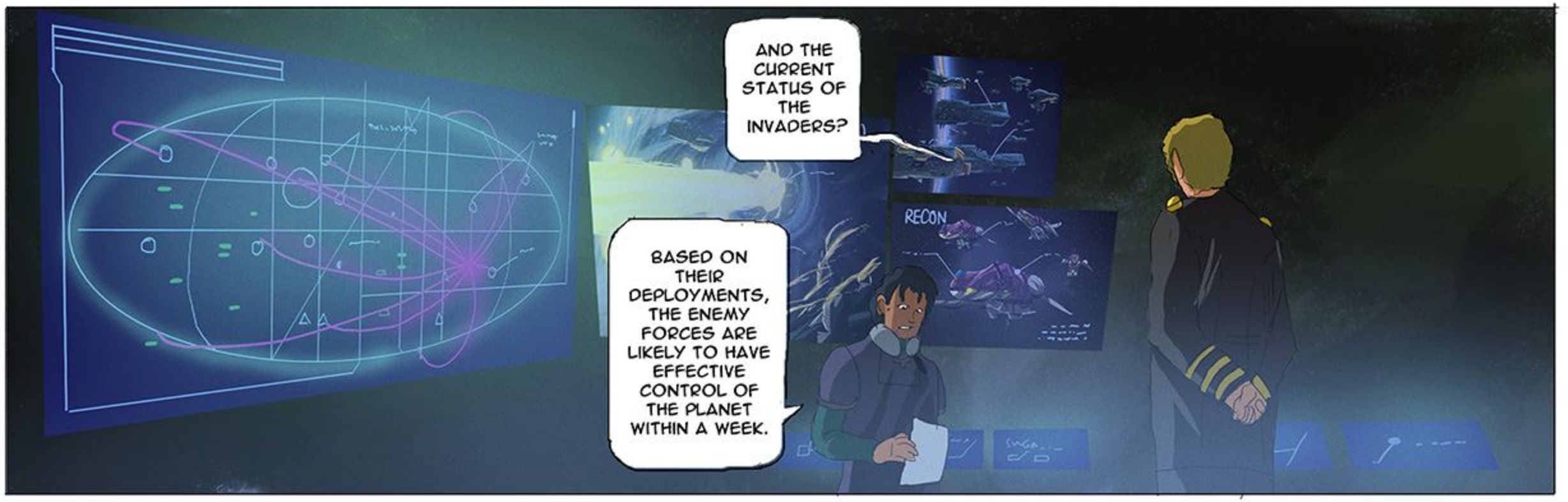

AS YOU COMMAND.
AREA IS LOCKED IN.


FIRE!

AREA HAS BEEN STERILIZED.
BY THE MOONS OF FANTOMA!
MY LORDS, THERE'S TOO MANY---
AUUUGH!!




COMMODORE BENSON, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTERFERENCE
BUT WE'VE RE-ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH ALL REF FORCES.


AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE INVADERS?
RECON
BASED ON THEIR DEPLOYMENTS, THE ENEMY FORCES ARE LIKELY TO HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE PLANET WITHIN A WEEK.

EVEN IF WE WERE TO INTERVENE..
IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME. TAKE US INTO ORBIT.
BUT FIRST, ESTABLISH A CHANNEL TO SOUTHERN CROSS COMMAND.

COPY, SIR. DENVER AND PORTLAND HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED!

STILL AWAITING WORD ON REINFORCEMENTS FROM POINT K.

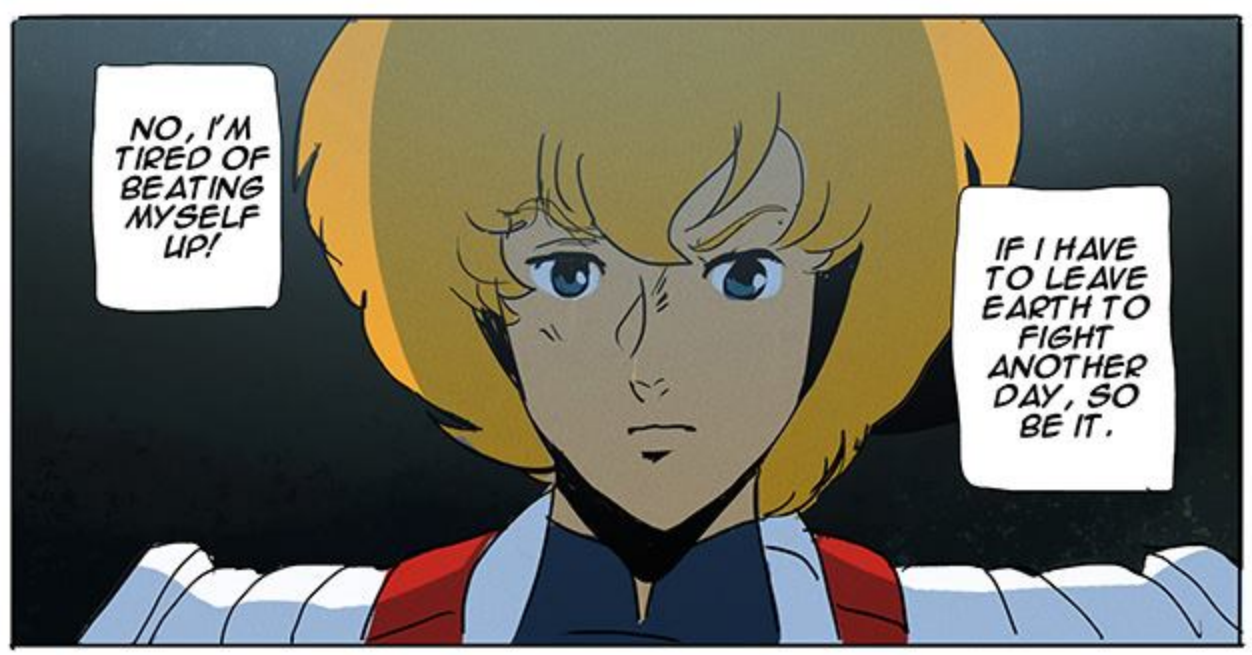
SIR, WE'RE GETTING PRIORITY MESAGE FROM COMMODORE BENSON OF THE EXPEDITIONARY RELIEF FORCES!
ALRIGHT.
PUT IT UP ON THE MONITOR.
HUH?

SUPREME COMMANDER, AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE INVID HAVE MADE PLANETFALL AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF OVERRUNNING YOUR WORLD.
YOUR UNITED EARTH FORCES ARE IN NO SHAPE TO HANDLE SUCH A THREAT.
NOT ANYMORE.
I HAVE ORDERS TO EVACUATE ALL "ESSENTIAL" PERSONNEL WITHIN 100 HOURS.

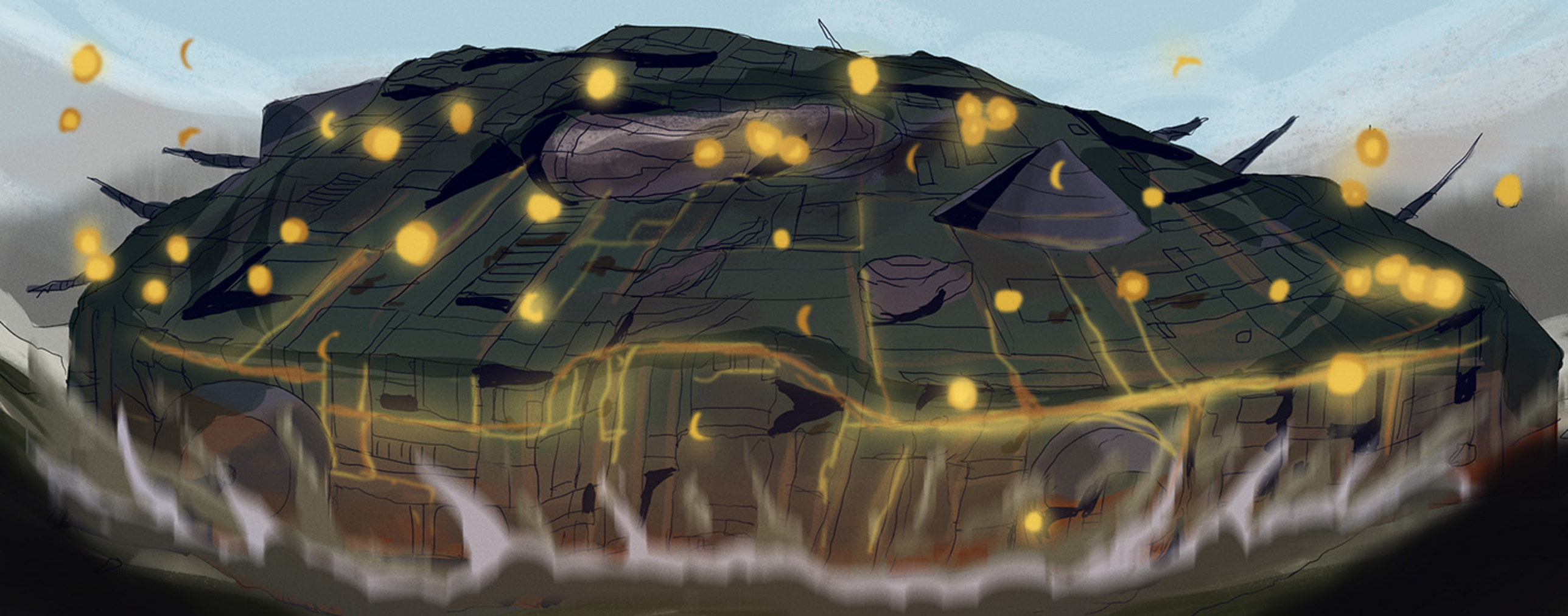
THIS OPERATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN AND WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION. AT THE END OF THE DEADLINE, WE WILL DEPART EARTH ORBIT.
THAT DEADLINE IS IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU HAVE 100 HOURS, GENERAL.

ZOR, YOU FOOL.
YOU JUST HAD TO MAKE IT WORSE!

BOWIE'S SPLIT... AND I'M NO LONGER WITH THE 15TH.
MJR DANA STERLING
NOW WE'VE BEEN GIVEN NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO LEAVE EARTH!
IF ONLY... IF ONLY I DIDN'T FEEL SO HELPLESS!


NO, I'M TIRED OF BEATING MYSELF UP!
IF I HAVE TO LEAVE EARTH TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY, SO BE IT.

FOR NOW...
I'LL DEFEND IT WITH EVERY THING I GOT!



AS THE WAR RAGES ACROSS THE GLOBE...
AN EMISSARY OF THE INVID ARRIVES IN THE SOUTHERN CROSS COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.
COMMAND IS TAKING AN AWFUL RISK HAVING THAT... THING HERE.
AND THEY'VE GOT HOSTAGES...
I SPEAK... ON BEHALF OF OUR REGESS.
YOUR WORLD HAS FALLEN... AND WE HAVE TAKEN ITS PROTOCULTURE.
WE DEMAND THAT YOU SURRENDER ALL THE ROBOTECH MASTERS THAT HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN YOUR WORLD.
RESIST, AND YOU SHALL PERISH... ALONG WITH THEM.

WE SHALL NOT ALLOW THEIR SHADOW TO BLIGHT THE UNIVERSE ANY LONGER...
NO!

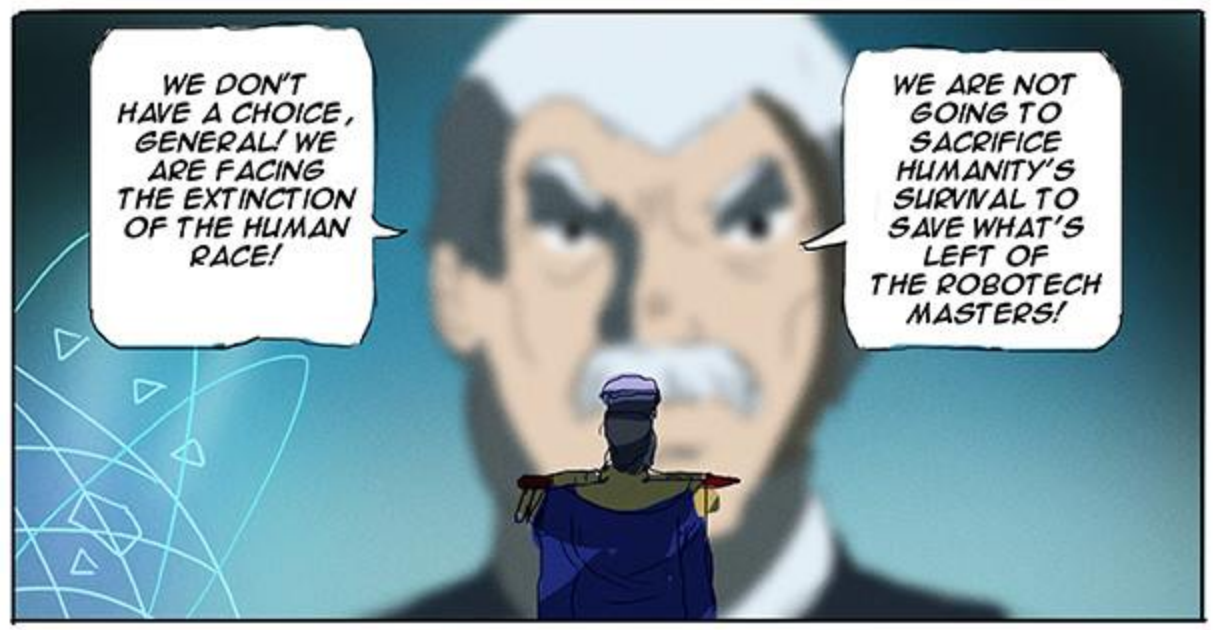
ACK-

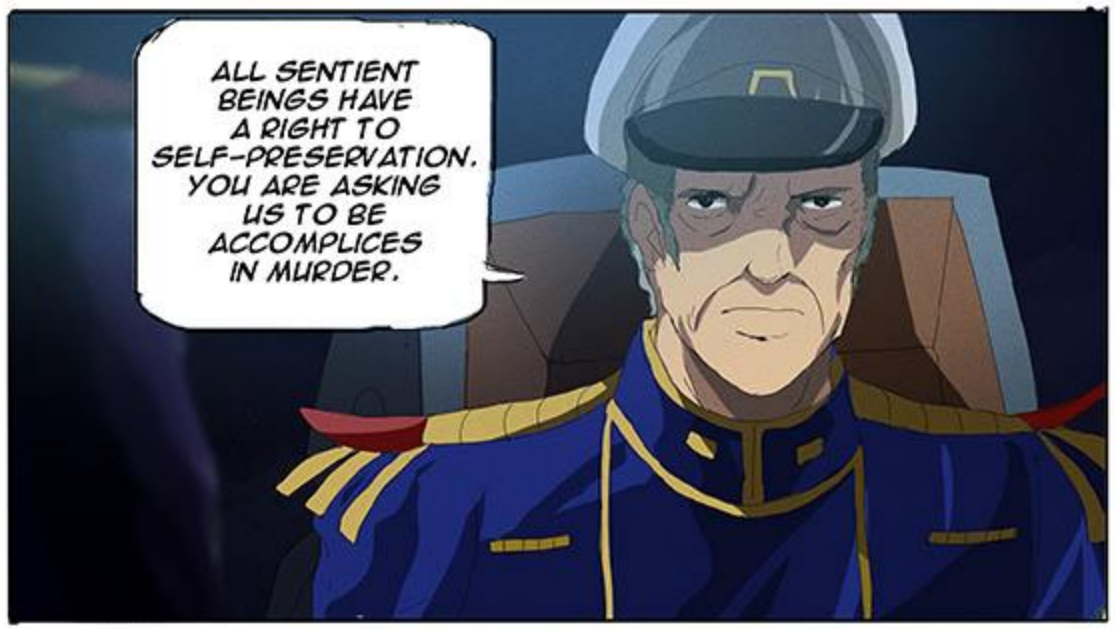
LIVE FOR NOW, HUMANS...

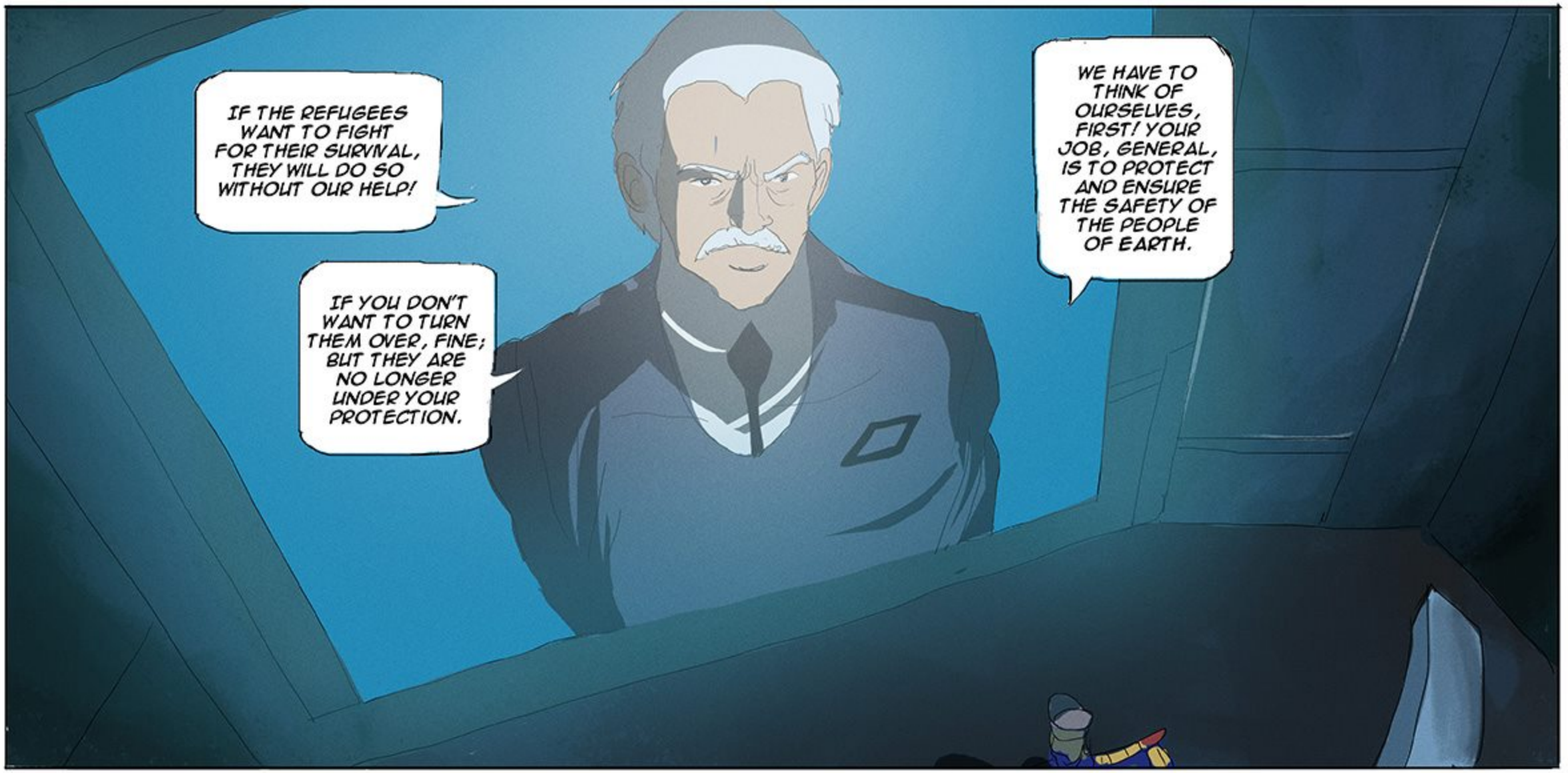
GIVE US YOUR RESPONSE.
OUR REGESS AWAITS.

THE CHOICE THE INVID HAVE LAID BEFORE US IS SIMPLE, IT'S EITHER US OR THESE REFUGEES.
THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAS MADE ITS DECISION, THE REFUGEES ARE TO BE HANDED OVER TO THE INVID.
YOU WILL EXTEND EVERY CONSIDERATION AND DEFERENCE TO OUR INVID GUESTS.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, I WILL NOT ORDER MY MEN TO PARTICIPATE IN A GENOCIDE...
THE REFUGEES HAVE COOPERATED WITH US SINCE THE FALL OF THE ROBOTECH MASTERS
WE HAVE GAINED VALUABLE TACTICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT CAN BE THE BASIS OF A COUNTER-ATTACK...

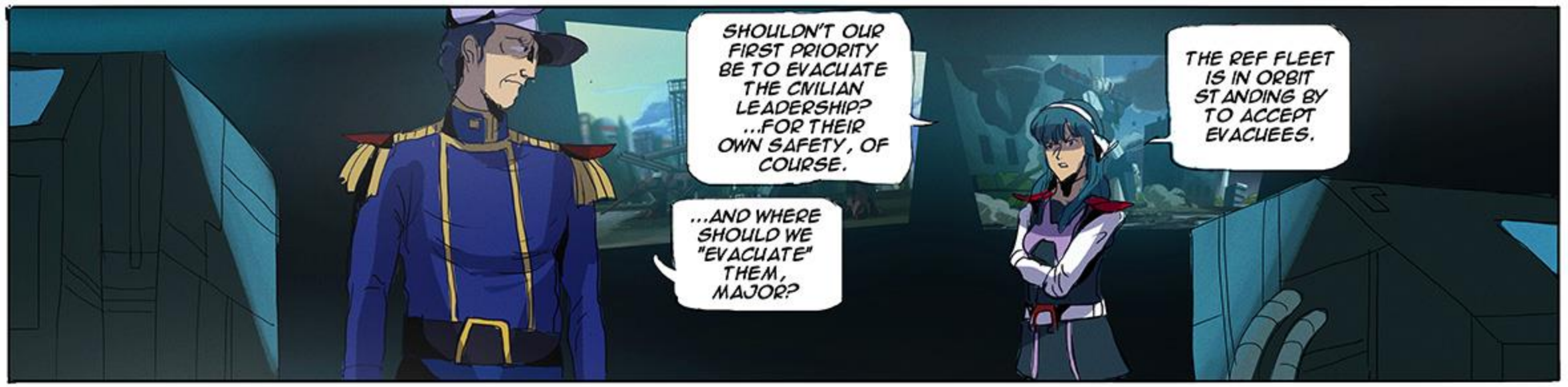

WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, GENERAL! WE ARE FACING THE EXTINCTION OF THE HUMAN RACE!
WE ARE NOT GOING TO SACRIFICE HUMANITY'S SURVIVAL TO SAVE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE ROBOTECH MASTERS!

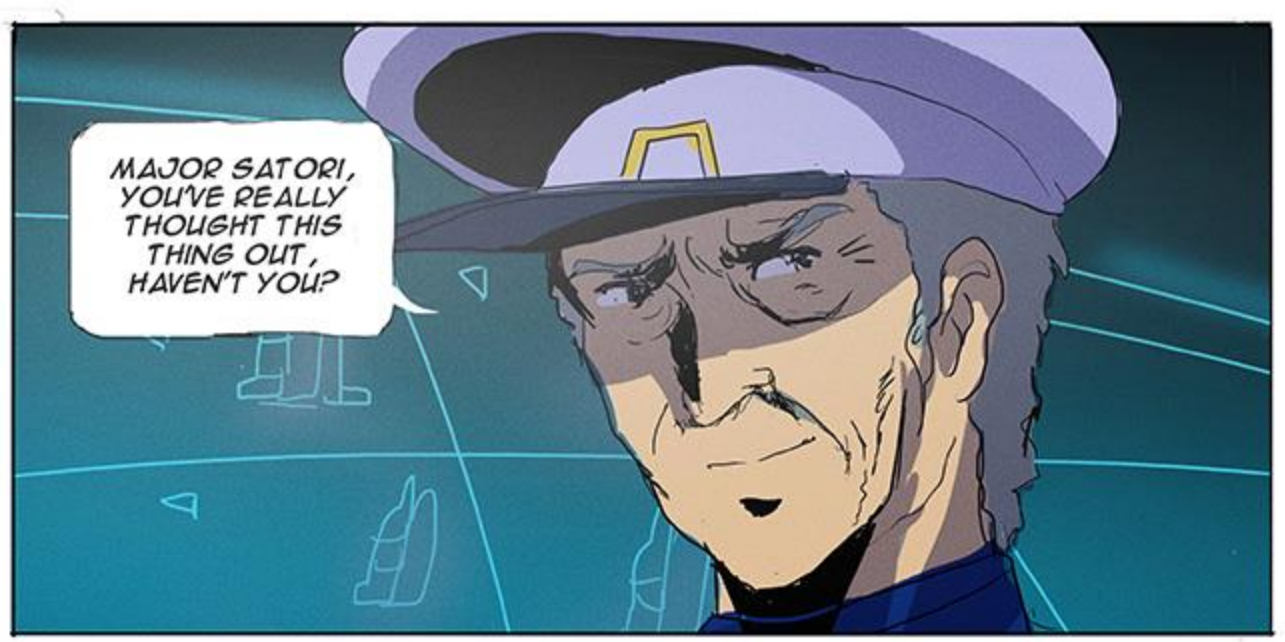

ALL SENTIENT BEINGS HAVE A RIGHT TO SELF-PRESERVATION. YOU ARE ASKING US TO BE ACCOMPLICES IN MURDER.


IF THE REFUGEES WANT TO FIGHT FOR THEIR SURVIVAL, THEY WILL DO SO WITHOUT OUR HELP!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TURN THEM OVER, FINE; BUT THEY ARE NO LONGER UNDER YOUR PROTECTION.
WE HAVE TO THINK OF OURSELVES, FIRST! YOUR JOB, GENERAL, IS TO PROTECT AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF EARTH.

THE FATE OF THE REFUGEES IS NO LONGER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED EARTH FORCES! IS THAT UNDERSTOOD, SUPREME COMMANDER!
YES, YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, GENERAL!
THERE'S NOTHING TO DO. I HAVE MY ORDERS, YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS...
THE PRIME MINISTER IS HOPING THAT BY OFFERING UP THESE HELPLESS REFUGEES TO THE INVID, THAT THE HUMAN RACE WILL SOMEHOW BE SAVED... YET WE WILL LOSE OUR HUMANITY IN THE PROCESS.
GENERAL, A SUGGESTION, IF I MAY...


SHOULDN'T OUR FIRST PRIORITY BE TO EVACUATE THE CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP? ...FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY, OF COURSE.
...AND WHERE SHOULD WE "EVACUATE" THEM, MAJOR?
THE REF FLEET IS IN ORBIT STANDING BY TO ACCEPT EVACUEES.


MAJOR SATORI, YOU'VE REALLY THOUGHT THIS THING OUT, HAVEN'T YOU?

THAT'S MY JOB, SIR.

NOVA, WAS IT REALLY NECESSARY FOR THE GMP TO THREATEN ME WITH ARREST IF I DIDN'T COME? YOU COULD HAVE JUST SAID "PLEASE".

I DID SAY "PLEASE", DANA, THE GUARDS WERE JUST INSURANCE.

YOU ARE BOTH AWARE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S ORDERS.

SO, WHY ARE WE HERE?

HE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE TOLD US TO SURRENDER.

IF YOU EXPECT ME TO TURN THE REFUGEES OVER TO BE EXECUTED BY THE INVID, YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND COURT MARTIAL ME RIGHT NOW!

IF YOU WANT TO ARREST ME YOURSELF, GO RIGHT AHEAD!

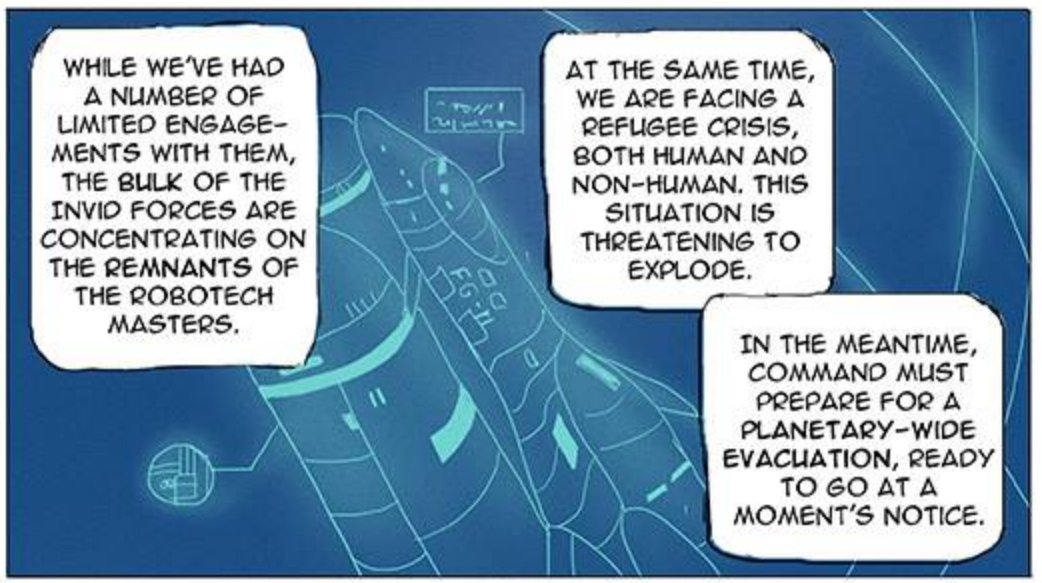
NO... I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT AND IF YOU WOULD SHUT UP FOR ONCE AND LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

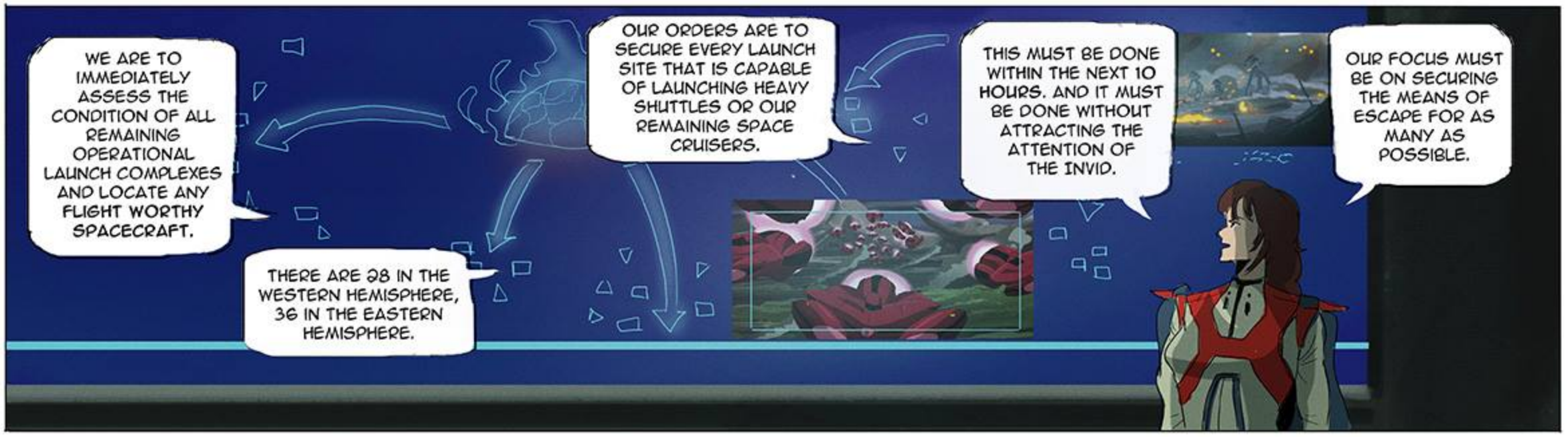
FINE. BUT WHY US?

BECAUSE I NEED YOU... BOTH OF YOU FOR THIS OPERATION.

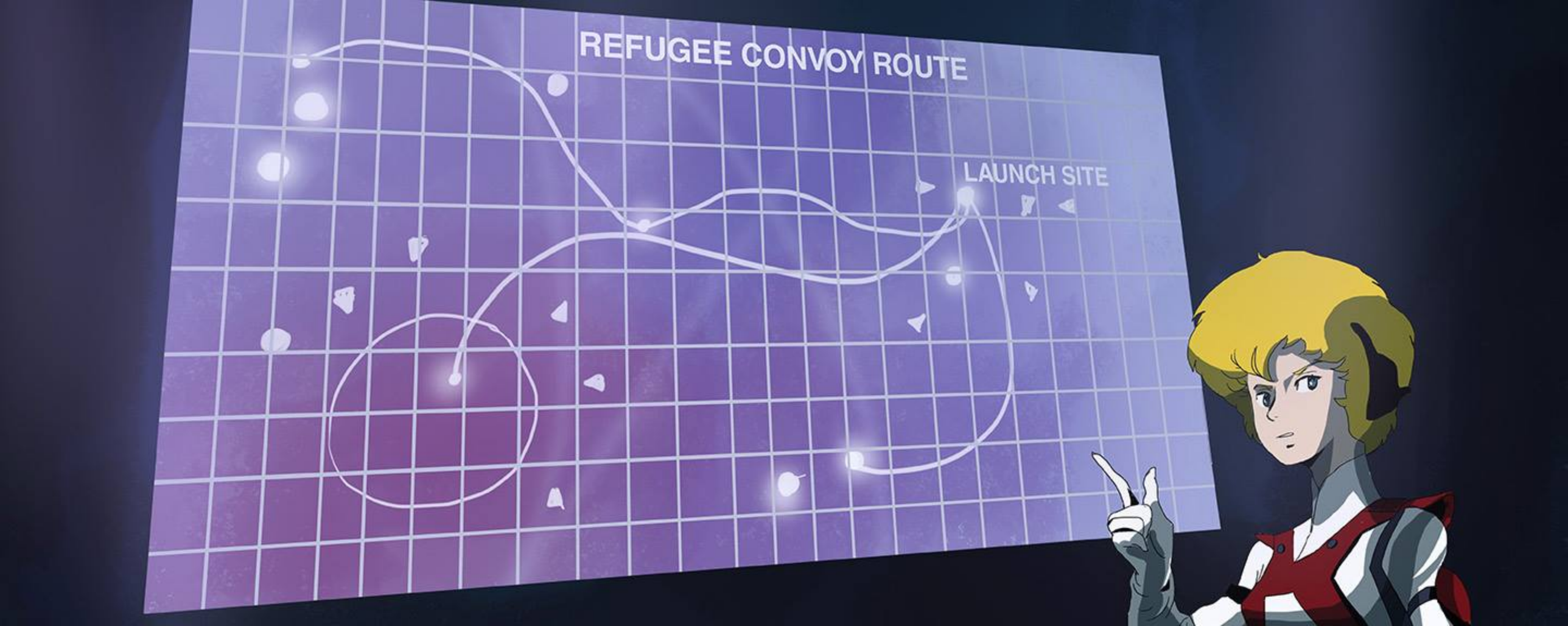
DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION NOW?

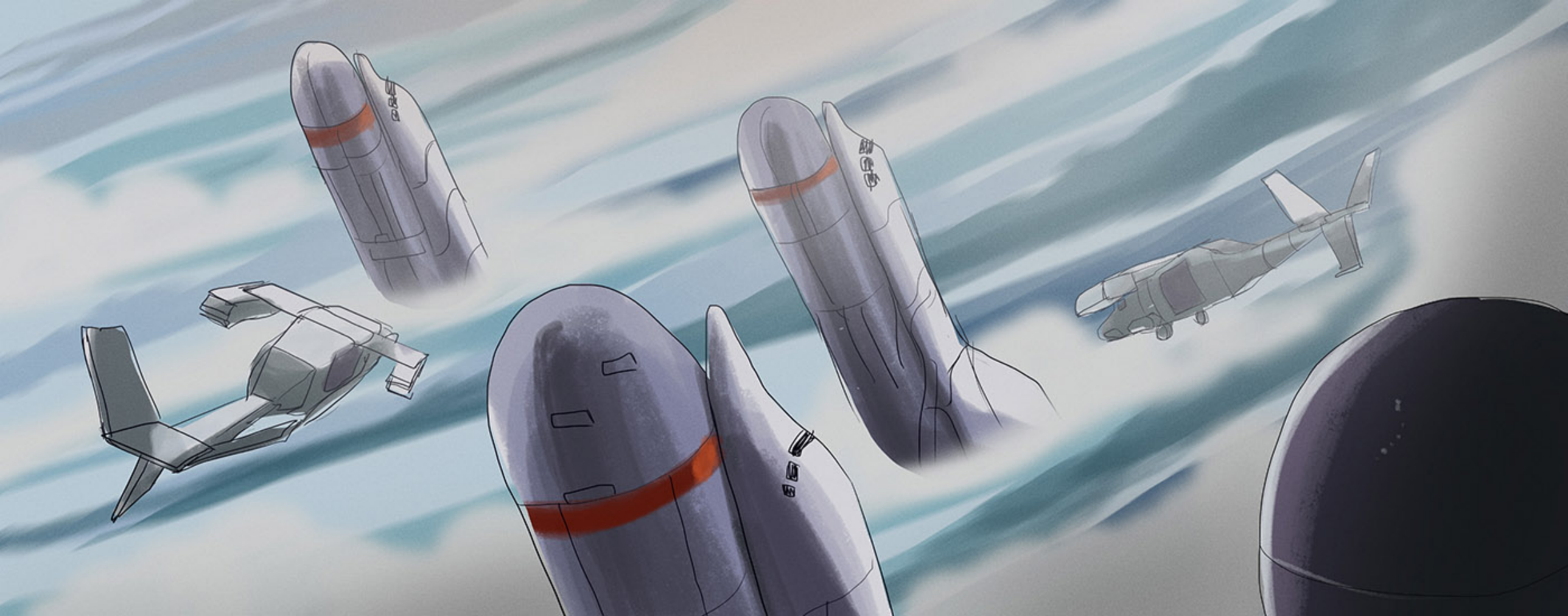
ALRIGHT, LISTEN UP! THIS OPERATION IS COMING STRAIGHT FROM COMMAND!
AS YOU KNOW, THE INVID HAVE MADE PLANETFALL AND THEY ARE MOST CERTAINLY HERE TO STAY.


WHILE WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF LIMITED ENGAGEMENTS WITH THEM, THE BULK OF THE INVID FORCES ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE REMNANTS OF THE ROBOTECH MASTERS.
AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE FACING A REFUGEE CRISIS, BOTH HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN. THIS SITUATION IS THREATENING TO EXPLODE.
IN THE MEANTIME, COMMAND MUST PREPARE FOR A PLANETARY-WIDE EVACUATION, READY TO GO AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.


WE ARE TO IMMEDIATELY ASSESS THE CONDITION OF ALL REMAINING OPERATIONAL LAUNCH COMPLEXES AND LOCATE ANY FLIGHT WORTHY SPACECRAFT.
THERE ARE 28 IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, 36 IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE.
OUR ORDERS ARE TO SECURE EVERY LAUNCH SITE THAT IS CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING HEAVY SHUTTLES OR OUR REMAINING SPACE CRUISERS.
THIS MUST BE DONE WITHIN THE NEXT 10 HOURS. AND IT MUST BE DONE WITHOUT ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF THE INVID.
OUR FOCUS MUST BE ON SECURING THE MEANS OF ESCAPE FOR AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

THERE IS A LOT OF RISK. THE FATE OF THE HUMAN RACE IS AT STAKE. IF WE WITHDRAW, NOT EVERYONE WILL MAKE IT, BUT IF WE STAY, WE FACE ANNIHILATION. OUR ONLY HOPE MAY BE TO LINK UP WITH THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES AND LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY.
REGARDLESS OF THE ODDS, I EXPECT ALL OF YOU TO PERFORM YOUR DUTIES. THIS IS IT, NOW GET MOVING!


REFUGEE CONVOY ROUTE
LAUNCH SITE



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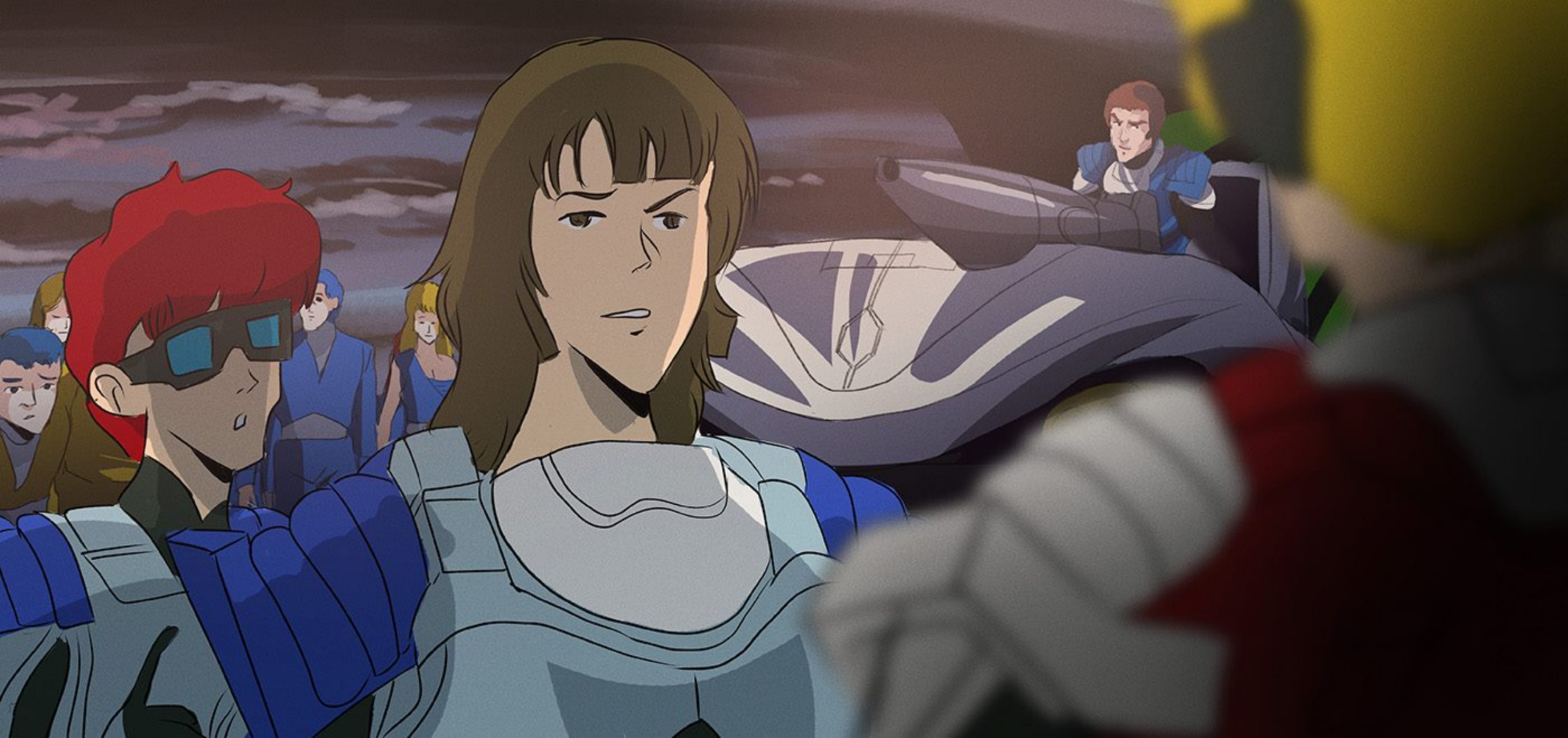

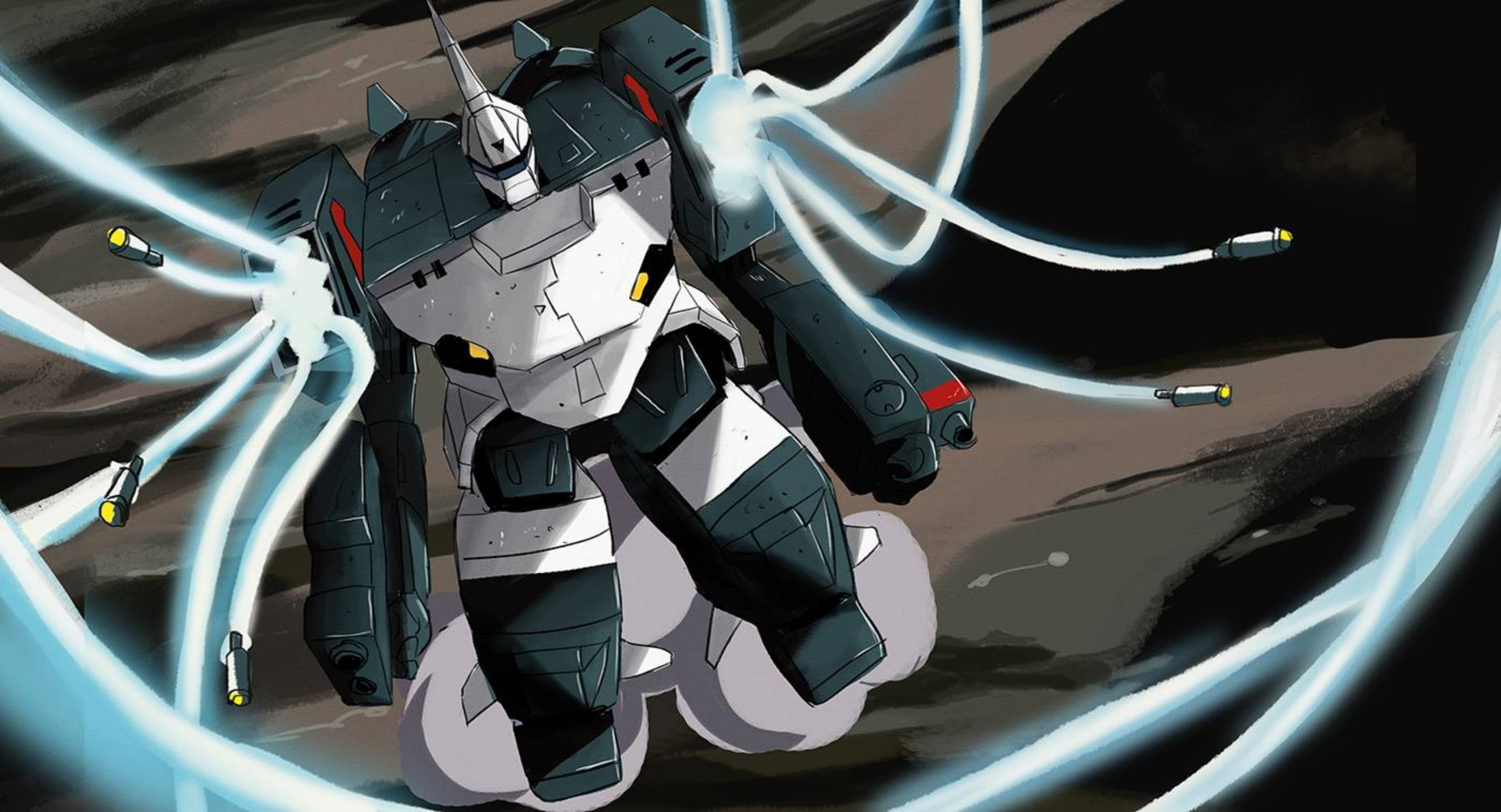

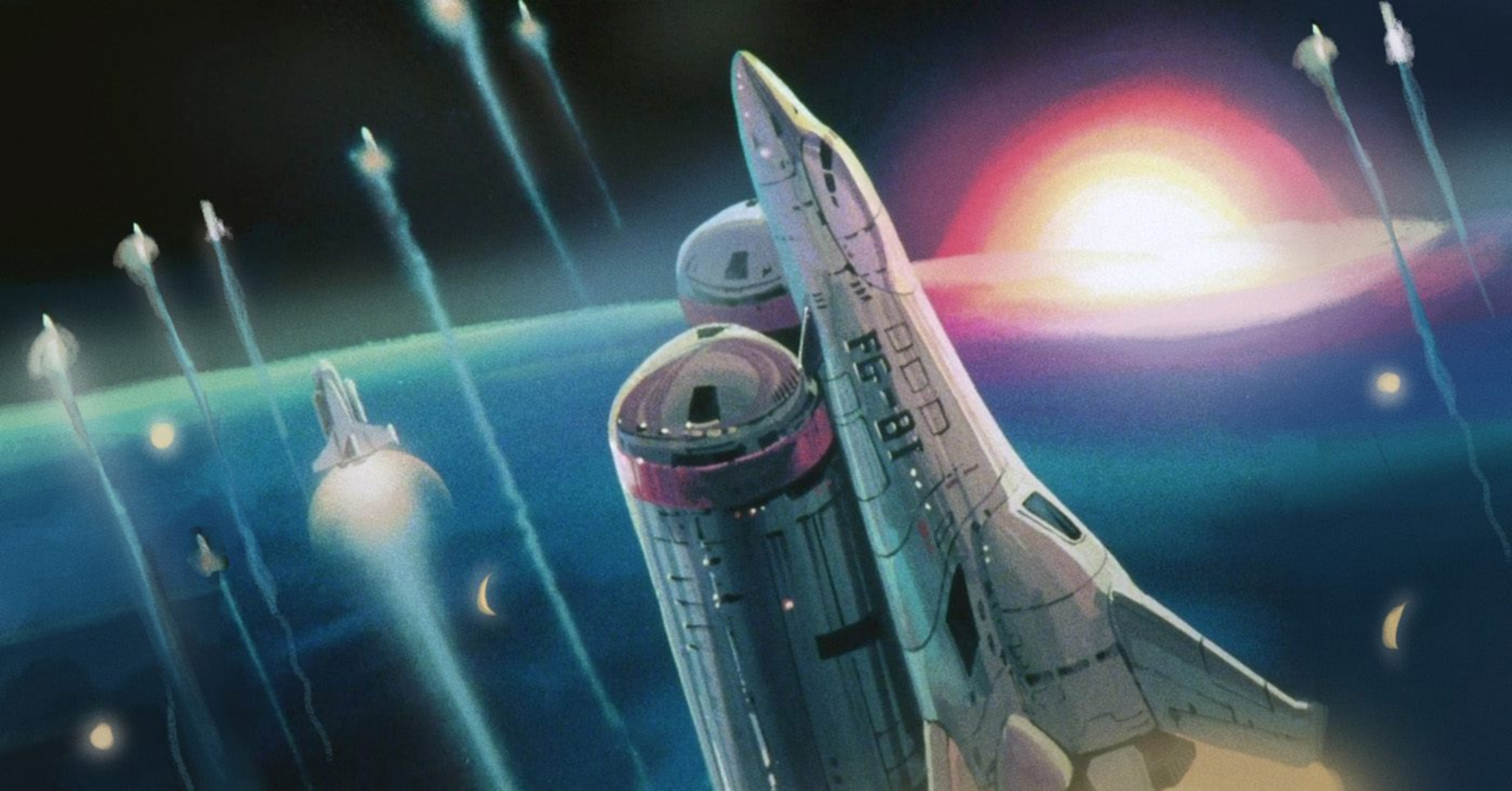
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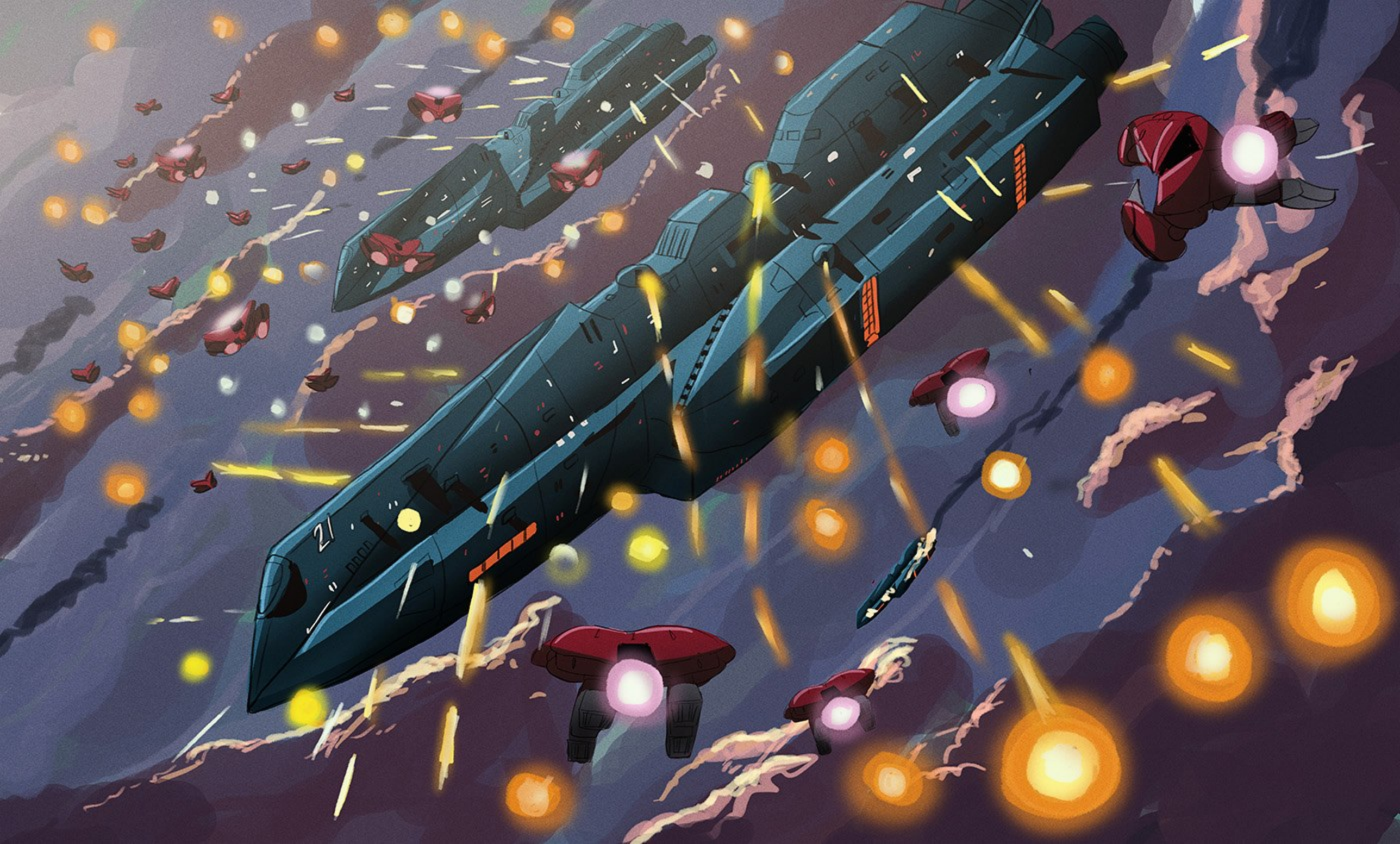

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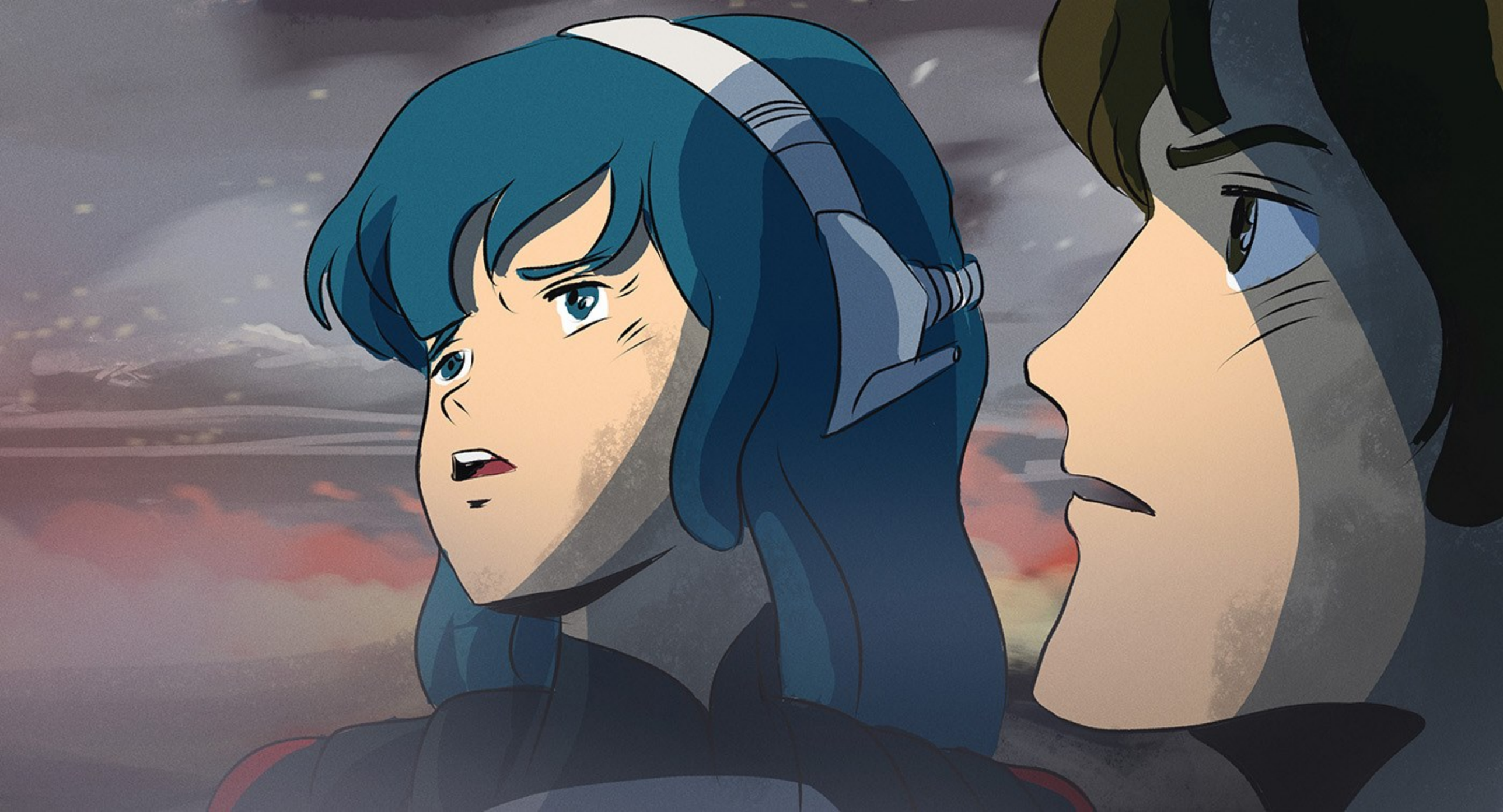

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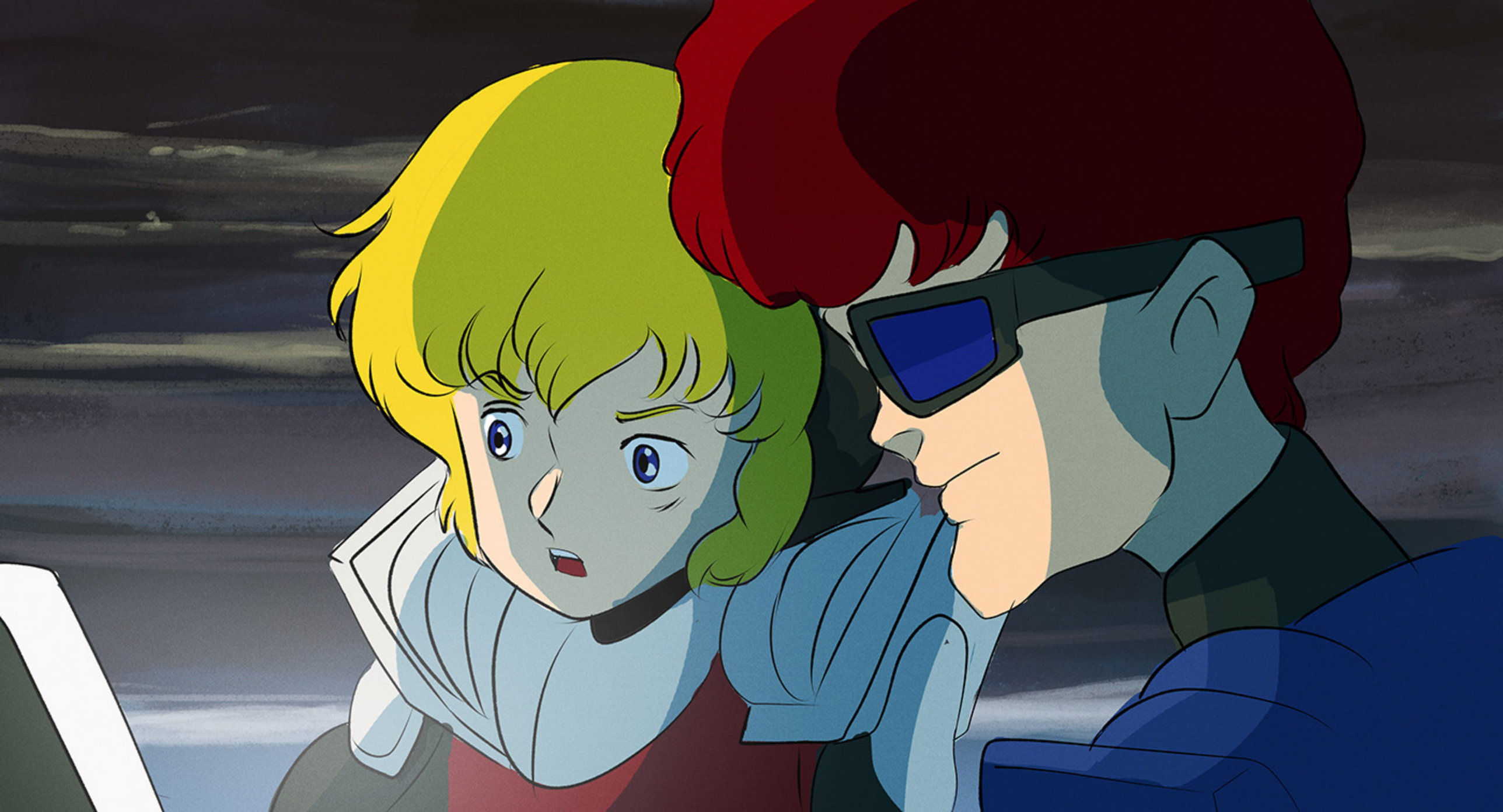

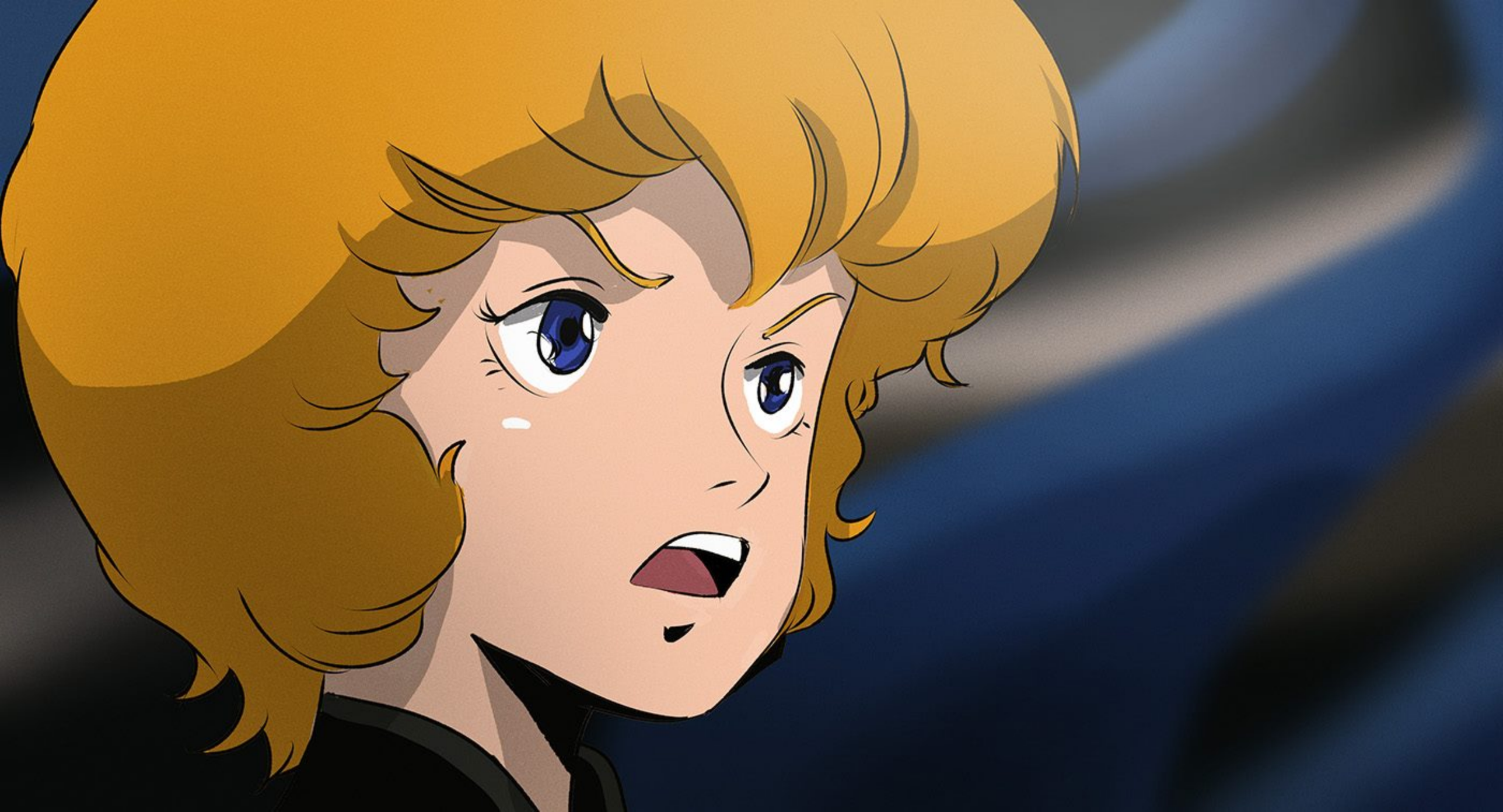

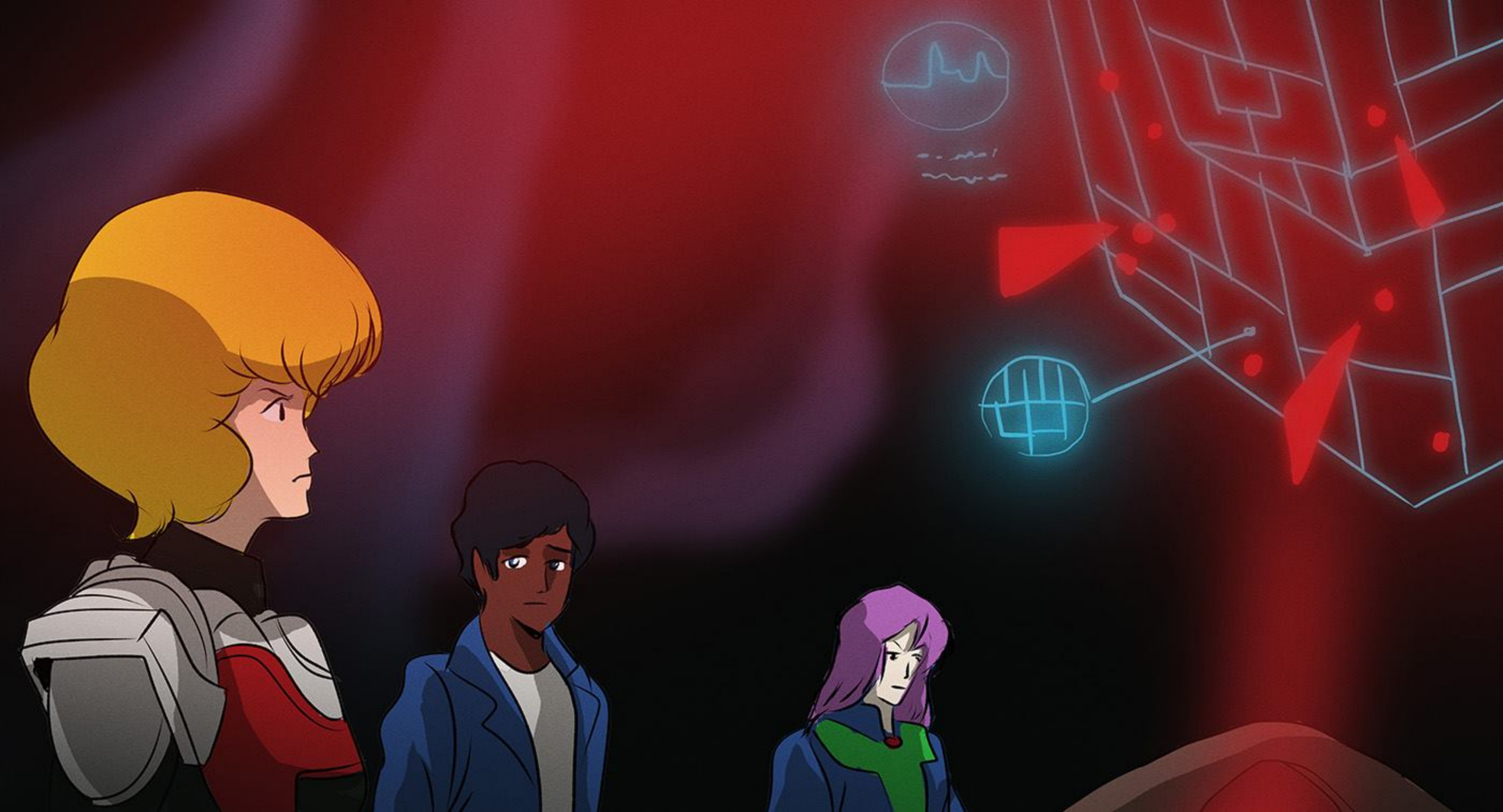
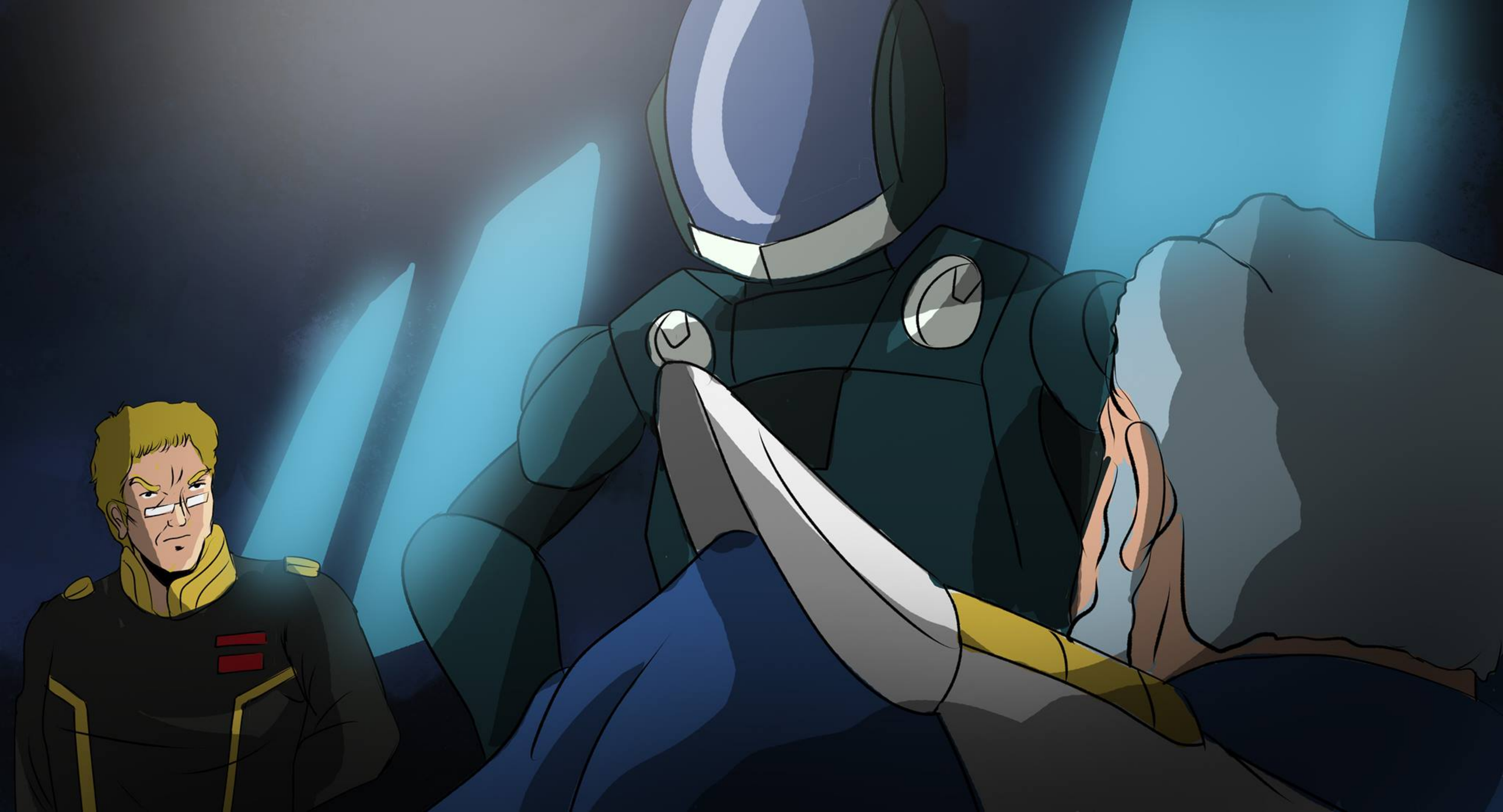
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